

## Senate Resolution 30

By: Senators Thomas of the 2nd and Johnson of the 1st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Matthew Southall Brown; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Reverend Matthew Southall Brown was born in Savannah, Georgia, and  
3 received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from American Baptist School of Theology in 1961;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Brown is well-known and respected as a "Pastor's pastor" who  
6 provides understanding and guidance through his ministerial seminars and conferences; and

7 WHEREAS, Reverend Brown is Senior Pastor of the St. John Baptist Church of Savannah  
8 where he has served with great dedication and enthusiasm since 1969; and

9 WHEREAS, his courageous spirit and constant faith helped this congregation to overcome  
10 the destructive fire which claimed their church in 1993, and, under his steadfast leadership,  
11 they have renewed the legacy of Christian service in their new worship center completed in  
12 1997; and

13 WHEREAS, Reverend Brown is not just a revered pastor but an esteemed builder who has  
14 served as a member and past chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Savannah  
15 Housing Authority and who is credited with the conversion of the old East Broad Street  
16 School into apartments for the elderly and the handicapped; and

17 WHEREAS, recognized by numerous honors and awards for his extensive service, Reverend  
18 Brown has given so much to his community and his congregation through his generous and  
19 compassionate spirit, great energy, and unimpeachable character and merits the highest  
20 thanks and regard of the State of Georgia.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 join in commending Reverend Matthew Southall Brown for his many years of dedicated

1 service to his church and community and extend their sincere best wishes on the occasion of  
2 his retirement.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
4 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Matthew Southall Brown.